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New Travel Plan Requirements for Badger-Two Medicine Area Go Into Effect on October 1

New motorized travel plan requirements which significantly reduce motorized travel in the Badger-Two Medicine Area will go into effect on October 1, 2009. "We will begin implementing the new travel plan requirements for the Badger-Two Medicine area on Thursday, October 1" said Mike Munoz, Rocky Mountain District Ranger. "We chose to implement the new travel plan effective October 1 to give us time to spread the word to the public this summer, to answer their questions, and to get the entry points properly signed to reflect the significant changes." The new travel plan continues to provide several motorized access points to the area and limited motorized opportunities for cutting firewood and dispersed camping. The new travel plan does not allow any motorized over-the-snow use.

The decision to implement these new travel plan requirements in the Badger-Two Medicine area was released this past spring and was administratively appealed by 21 individuals desiring more motorized use than provided for in the new decision. The Badger-Two Medicine travel decision was reviewed and upheld by the Deputy Regional Forester earlier in the summer, clearing the way to begin implementing the new plan on the ground.

The new map may be viewed online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/>. The map is found within the link titled "Lewis and Clark National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM)" and is identified as the map valid October 1, 2009 in the Rocky Mountain Ranger District portion of the MVUM information. Copies of the new map will also be available at Forest Service offices. The existing MVUM for the Badger-Two Medicine area will be invalid after September 30. For additional information on the new Badger-Two Medicine travel plan, contact the Rocky Mountain Ranger District Office at 466-5341 or the Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office at 791-7754.